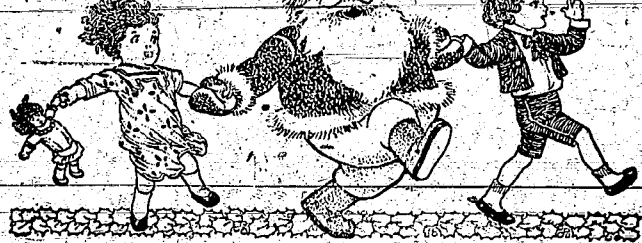


CHRISTMAS



The butcher boy says

THE TURKEY'S
THE THING

There are some necessities for the X-Mas feast, but after all the piece-de-resistance is the "turk". Plum pudding comes in for a late share of the days pleasure, but the fowl must be sweet and tender or the meal is a failure.

We will have some very fine turkeys—better place your order today and be assured of a good one.

BESIDES TURKEYS WE WILL HAVE

Ducks and Geese

Your order placed not later than Monday, December 23, will insure you against disappointment. No orders cancelled.

F. H. MILKS

TO CLOSE OUT A BIG LINE OF
Boys' RubbersAT 50 CENTS A PAIR
ALSO

Boys' Heavy Sweaters - 35c

Boys' Heavy Overshirts - 25c

The Best
GROCERIES

Our Grocery Department is always in Tip-Top Order. We can furnish your table wants with groceries that are fresh and delicious—delivered promptly.

AT H. PETERSEN'S GROCERY STORE



Your Friends-- Expect Your

Portrait

as a
X-MAS
Souvenir

Wingard's Studio

SUBSCRIBE FOR

THE CRAWFORD AVALANCHE

and read all the local news, items of interest, and the serial stories; all will be of great interest to you. Also you can read all the store news and their holiday bargains. Prices: 1 year, \$1.50; 6 mo., \$.75; 3 mo., \$.40.

MAY LOSE
N. G. CAMP

GRAYLING OFFER IS RECEIVING STRONG SUPPORT.

Offer 15,000 Acres. Commission Said to Favor Grayling Site.

From the Ludington Daily News, December 14th.

That Ludington may lose the permanent camp of the Michigan National Guard on account of the offer of R. Hanson of 15,000 acres of land near Grayling, Crawford county, seems very likely from the present indications. When the commission was here several months ago, four of them favored this site over any other offered and at that time and the remaining member was opposed to this city on account of the transportation facilities. Since the time the Grayling offer has been made and the commission are said to favorably consider that site. This city has much to offer however, that Grayling has not, the lake for naval trials, the lake breezes, the pleasant social surroundings and the condition in the city that are not found in the other place. The matter was brought up at the Board of Trade meeting last night and a committee appointed to take what action was necessary to put this location in the best light possible and if necessary to go before the legislature when the time comes.

Capt. F. L. Wells, Eleventh United States Infantry, Inspector-in-Chief of the Michigan National Guard, says the Grayling tract is without a doubt the finest for the purpose he has ever inspected. Part of it is open plains; other sections abound in hills and valleys, some of which are wooded and others clear. From three high hills the country lies in a panorama, which stretches south to Higgins lake and north to the town of Kalamazoo. Capt. Wells says that the opportunities for training in signal work, scouting, big and small maneuvers are manifold while every thicker account with game of almost every kind.

In the center of the tract is a beautiful lake. The land lies in the western part of Crawford county; three miles from Grayling and state officials who have looked it over place a value on the land from \$3 to \$12 per acre.

Three miles south of the tract lies the State Forest preserve of 36,000 acres. Mr. Hanson has made his offer that the wide expanse of hills, valleys and streams may be put to practical use, as well as to furnish a refuge for the wild life of the state, which at present is without a forest home in which the birds, deer and other animals remaining may be safe from hunters.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM INSTANT DEATH.

Miss Nellie Hoyt and Brother George Met Accident.

What might have resulted in a most serious accident took place at the B. C. G. & A. "Y" in this village on Thursday morning last. George Hoyt was driving to town with his usual supply of milk for the customers of the Hoyt dairy and was being accompanied by his sister, Miss Nellie Hoyt who was on her way to attend to her customary duties at the post office. As they were about to cross the B. C. G. & A. "Y" the Johnnesburg train was found to be backing up and was so close to them that the boy feared he had only one thing to do and that was to try and go ahead. The train struck the sleigh and demolished it.

Miss Hoyt was thrown out and was feared had sustained serious injury; her back being severely injured. George was also tipped out and received a bad blow over the eye in some manner and his eye was badly scared.

Fortunately the injuries to each were less serious than first feared. The crossing where they were injured is a bad one and that locality has already been one which has given more or less trouble.

OSHTO COUNTY HERALD & TIMES.
M. A. Bates is Miss Hoyt's uncle and assisted him in the post office at one time, and also taught in our schools. Our hopes are she may have a speedy recovery.

Card of Sympathy.

Whereas, sorrow has entered the home of our sister, Minnie Blaine in the death of her father, therefore resolved, that we, the members of Garfield Circle No. 16, Ladies of the G. A. R. do extend our loving sympathy to our sister in her hour of bereavement commending her to trust in the wisdom of our Heavenly Father. "Who doeth all things well."

Further Resolved, that these resolutions be placed on our minutes and given to the local newspaper for publication.
ANNIE HARRINGTON,
JENNIE FREEMAN.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Interesting News From Our Educational Institution.

The first grade is preparing a Christmas program.

Dr. Insley was a welcome visitor at school Tuesday.

The second grade is learning "A Christmas Visit."

Miss Minnie Love is absent this week because of illness.

The third grade is making some splendid Xmas drawings.

Miss Dykes is out of school. She is entertaining an attack of tonsillitis.

Matilda Ziebell and Grace Bauman

are absent from school on account of sickness.

Grace Stewart has reentered the first grade after a week's absence caused by illness.

Myrtle Meyers of the second grade was absent last week on account of sickness.

Eva Hardy of the second grade has been absent from school for the past two weeks on account of illness.

Mr. Schumann made a generous contribution to the high school reading table for which he has our thanks.

The Juniors made a substantial contribution to their box social and dance Friday evening, besides having a very enjoyable time.

We expect to have an exhibit of art work given by different grades next week Friday. Look for a more splendid announcement next week.

Salome Friberg and Martha Jensen of the sixth grade have returned to school after an absence of several weeks; the latter was detained at home because of the illness of her mother.

The boys' basketball team will toss against the Gaylord High school team next Saturday night at the Temple. All lovers of good, clean sport will certainly want to witness this game. Our boys are deserving of your patronage and encouragement. Come out and give them a lift. Admission 25 cents.

"Laugh and the World Laughs With You; Weep and You Weep Alone."

Diff! Diff! Diff! the great American Magazine of Fun is making greater strides than any other magazine before the American public today. It is a magazine that will keep the whole family in good humor. The staff of Diff contains some of the greatest artists, caricaturists, critics and editors on the continent. It is highly illustrated and printed in many colors. It will keep the whole family cheerful the year round. You can afford to spend 50c a year to do this. Send this clipping and 50c today to the Diff Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, for one year's subscription. Adv. 11 28 3w

speed. He has also discovered that kerosene leaves less carbon in the cylinders than gasoline. Mr. Struck intends to have his invention patented. He will undoubtedly be able to ask his own price for it, if he decides to sell it.

HAPPINESS HANDED

Postal Advice.

Do your Christmas mailing as early as possible.

Be sure that your parcels are securely wrapped and tied, with correct address thereon. Don't fail to register all valuable parcels, it cost but ten cents additional.

Rates for merchandise 1c per ounce if sent.

Rates on books and all printed matter 1c per two ounces.

For convenience of patrons of Grayling post office, stamps will be for sale at both drug stores and Sorenson & Sons' store.

To accommodate patrons the post office will be open till 7:30 p. m. from December 18th till December 24th.

PERMISSIBLE ADDITIONS.

Such inscriptions as "Merry Xmas," "Happy New Year," "With Best Wishes," and "Do not open until Xmas" or words to that effect together with name and address of the addressee and of the sender may be written on mail matter of the fourth class (miscellaneous) or upon a card inclosed therein without effecting its classification.

M. A. BATES,
Postmaster.

Resolutions.

Copy of resolutions adopted by the Grange.

Whereas, it has pleased the father of us all to remove from our midst our esteemed lecturer and associate sister, Eliza Drott be it resolved, that the deplorable removal of a life so full of usefulness leaves a vacancy and shadow that would be deeply felt by all her friends and will be a serious loss to the community and the public as well as in her home.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on them in the Grange and a copy sent to the Avalanche for publication also a copy to the family.

CARRIE FELDHAUSEN,
NANCY DICKSON,
MARGARET BURTON.

Com.

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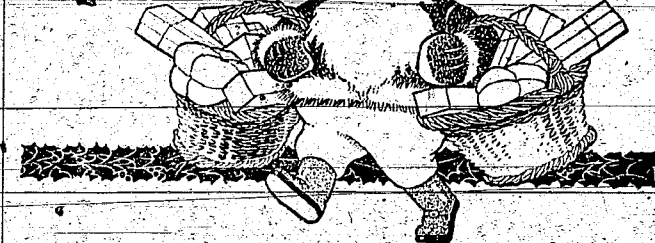
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KEROSENE INSTEAD OF GASOLINE FOR MOTOR CARS.

Edward Struck Invents Device Which Enables Great Saving in Cost of Power.

By a clever invention, which he has successfully used but not yet perfected, Edward Struck, the well known garage man, has been able to change engines in motor cars so that they be driven by kerosene instead of gasoline, making a great saving in the cost of operating. He has for some time been using kerosene for motive power of his car and is greatly pleased with the result. With three gallons of gasoline he has driven a distance of 50 miles, going up high hills on high

VULE-TIDE

GIFTS That
Santa Claus

Delights to give can be had at this store, gifts suited for young and old

A Cocklin Self-Filling Pen would make an appropriate present that would be appreciated.

Locket, Ring, Cuff Links, Bracelets, Bangles, Brooches, Hair Pins, Scarf Pins, in fact most anything in the jewelry line, are on display here, and we are sure that they will please you.

This is the place to find fancy clocks too, as we have a nice selection to choose from.

Sterling and Plated Silver, Cut Glass and a new shipment of Hand Painted China to pick from.

Let us help you to make Xmas a merry one.

C. J. Hathaway
Jeweler and Optometrist.



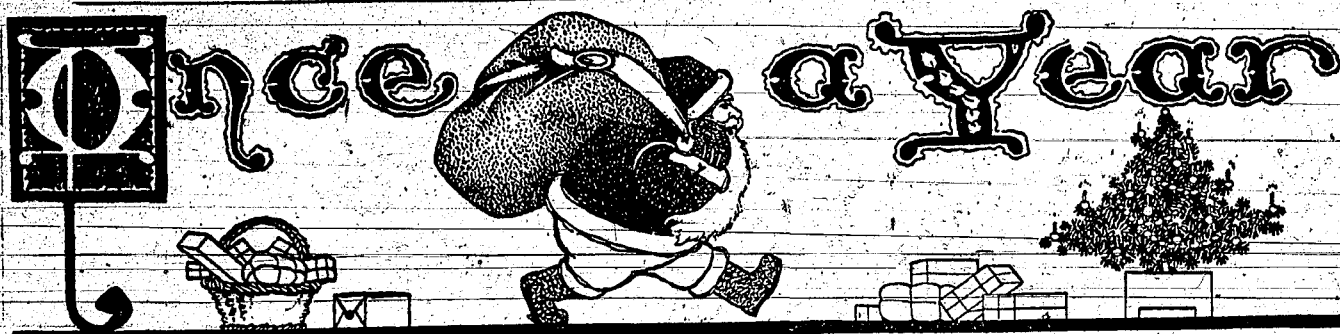
With that Shopping list before going elsewhere, if you want to save Money.

A FULL LINE OF
Blankets, Comforters, Shoes, Dress Goods, Silks, Gingham, Calicos and the famous J. C. C. Corsets

REMEMBER
these are all useful gifts, and there are only ten more days to purchase them in. Our GROCERY LINE is all fresh stock.

M. SIMPSON

ORDERS FOR ENGRAVED CARDS, : : : : :
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS
and STATIONERY ARE TAKEN AT THIS OFFICE : : : : :



The Central Drug Store

The home of the Gift-buyer. Beautiful and useful articles within the reach in price of everybody. Never before have we shown such an array of beautiful things for Christmas Gifts. Old Santa Claus has provided with a lavish hand. Father, mother, sister, brother, uncles, aunts and cousins and best friends—all have been provided for in our superb Christmas stock. Goods are on display, so don't delay, but come in and make your selections.

Cut Glass

Sugar and Creamers
Vases
Bon Bon Dishes
Bowls
Nappies
Pitchers
Celery Dishes
Pepper and Salts

Shaving Goods

Gillette's Safety Razors
Auto Strop Razors
Gem Safety Razors
Razors
Razor Strops
Lather Brushes
and Complete Shaving Sets

Smokers Articles

Pipes from a good one for 25 cents up to a handsome meerschaum for \$25.00
Cigars, the finest assortment in the city. Some fine X-Mas boxes
Tobaccoes of all kinds
Complete Smoking Sets
Humidors, cigar and cigarette cases, match boxes, cigar clippers, ash trays, pipe racks
We know what men like and are ready to advise you, especially lady purchasers.

Toilet Goods

Manicure Sets
Military Sets
Toilet Sets in

Rhony, Ivory, Silver and Rosewood Hand Glasses

Ladies' Work Baskets
Scissors and Shears
Carving Sets
Thermos and Janus Bottles
Traveling Cases
Perfumes and Toilet Waters
Stationery, finest line in the city
Calendars
Leather Pocket Books and Hand Bags
Playing Cards in plain or leather cases
Game Sets
Poker Chips
Dice, Dominos, etc.
Books of Rules, etc.

Christmas Candies . . .

In Fancy Boxes and packages, also in bulk.

Ice Cream . .

Sodas and Sundaes.

Hot Fountain Drinks . . .

ORDER ICE CREAM for your X-Mas Dinner

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS CARDS IN ALL DESCRIPTIONS.
HIGHEST GRADE OF WINES TO HELP DIGEST YOUR DINNER.

Make your Selections early and have them laid away until wanted.

A. C. OLSON.

Crawford Avalanche.

O. P. Schumann, Editor and Proprietor.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Additional Local News

Read the City Bakery's free Vacuum cleaner ad this week.

Have you sealed your letter with a Red Cross X-mas seal?

Wanted—A new milk cow at once. Dec. 12 tf JULIUS NELSON.

M. Brenner spent a couple of days last week in Bay City and Saginaw.

A square inch of clear conscience for a cent—the Red Cross Christmas Seal.

Peter Davison and family have returned home after a week's visit in Bay City.

Miss Francella Wingard is assisting at Sorenson's store during the holidays.

Heavy underwear, wool and fleeced hose, gloves, and mittens. Lowest prices at Holiday's Bazaar. 12 12 2w

Miss Emma Frederickson attended the funeral of her grandfather, Frederick Jorgenson, at Gaylord last Saturday. She returned here Sunday night.

Miss Mabel Marienthal entertained the D. D. club at the home of her sister, Mrs. M. Brenner, last Thursday evening. The evening was spent in music and games and dainty refreshments were served during the evening.

Don't fail to read in this issue the advertisement of The Michigan Farmer, Detroit, Mich., announcing the reduction in price of that great weekly farm paper from \$1.00 a year to 50c a year. \$1.00 for 2 years, \$1.25 for 3 years and \$2.00 for 5 years. Send in your order or write them for sample copy. Adv.

Officers of the Crawford County Farmers Institute society elected Dec. 5th are as follows: President, L. B. Martin; Sec. and Treas., Hugo Schreier; J. J. Voss, Grayling township; Charles Corwin, Beaver Creek; Hans Christenson, Alex. Skingsly, South Branch; A. Finck, Fredric, W. Patterson, Lovels, G. F. Owens; Maple Forest, D. F. Sherman.

Get your orders for engraved cards before Saturday, Dec. 14, if you want them for Christmas presents. Special prices for the holidays—Script \$1.40; Old English, \$2.40; and Shaded Old English, \$3.40 for plate and 100 cards. We also can furnish Romans and Gothics. We handle only the highest quality of engraving and stock.

AVAILANCE OFFICE.

On November 22nd, 1912, a bird dog owned by S. Henderson, of Aramida, a brother-in-law of N. B. Goodar, at the latter's place, was poisoned. The dog was opened and in the stomach was found a whole kidney that looked as if it came from a deer. The dog apparently died of poison and it is no doubt was placed in the kidney. I know that the above statement is absolutely true.

JOE KRAUS.

Miss Jean Dykes, who has occupied the position of teacher of languages in our school for the last two years, has offered her resignation to take effect at Christmas time. Miss Dykes has been a most efficient teacher and has the good will of the school board, the faculty and the students, and her resignation comes to them with a great deal of regret. The school board is trying hard to obtain a successor and it is hoped by the people that they can get one as highly qualified. Miss Dykes will go to her home in Ironwood where she will look after the domestic duties in the home of her father.

Thoroughbred Cockerels for Sale.

Rhode Island Reds, that are red, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Black Minorcas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. White Leghorns, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. Eggs for hatching ready by March 15. Phone 1173 or address, JAMES OVERTON, Grayling, Mich. dec 5 12 tf adv.

The Positive Kidney Cure

Startling Results Prove This The World's Greatest Treatment For Kidney Diseases, Rheumatism And Bladder Troubles.

It would indeed be difficult to exaggerate the wonderful ability of Dr. Dyer's Kidney Pills to banish swiftly all forms of kidney troubles. Any sufferer is earnestly invited to prove their power by getting a 50c package at any drug store. Accept today!

Now listen, sufferers, don't get excited. Just throw away all your present treatments for your kidneys, back or bladder. If you have pain in the back, profuse or scanty urination, colored or foul urine, rheumatism anywhere, diabetes, pain in the bladder or terrible Bright's disease, just get a 50c package of Dr. Dyer's Kidney Pills and send them to the laboratory of Dr. Dyer's Kidney Pills, 1000 Broadway, New York City. They are safe, guaranteed, absolutely harmless.

We have a large Stock of Good Shoes

Rubbers,
Felt Shoes AND
Slippers

and if you only will tell



that you want a Good Useful Christmas Present, He know enough to go to

Salling, Hanson Co.

GRAYLING OPERA HOUSE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13th

One Night Only

De Rue Brothers

IDEAL MINSTRELS

"The Peoples' FAVORITES"

SPECTACULAR FIRST PART

"A Fountain of Mirth"

Introducing our Comedians, Singers, Dancers and superb Orchestra and

Billy DeRue and Bobby DeRue
"That Talkative Man" and "A Satan for the Blues"

Eight—Big Vaudeville Acts—Eight

"The Upside Down Wonders." Challenge Acrobats.

ONTHANK & BLANCHETTE

England's Greatest Female Impersonator

"THE GREAT MILLNER"

First American Appearance with this Company

CARL W. RITTER

and

8--Dancers and Comedians--8

"Sun-Flower Coons"

That Talkative Man

Billy DeRue

FOX BROTHERS

Gold Dust Twins

Golden City Quartette

Dube, 1st tenor—Hopper, 2nd tenor—Foster Baritone—

Ringwald basso.

Empire Musical Trio

Sanborn, Bobby DeRue, Durley.

Comedy and Music in a Joyous Combination

Vonder and Belmare

World's Champion Comedy Barrel Jumpers.

And many Big, New, Startling Features

Guaranteed Best Minstrel Show Ever Here.

Grand Street Parade at Noon.

Remember the date.

Tickets on Sale at Central Drug Store

PRICES—35 and 50 cents. Children 25 cents

Are You Going to Paint?

The best in the world is PITKIN'S PREMIUM HOUSE PAINT, manufactured and guaranteed by The Peters Pitkin Company, Benton Harbor, Mich. Sold by

Salling, Hanson Co.

Ask them for "40 years endorsement booklet" and color card

THE RUSH IS ON

"JEWELRY, THE GIFT OF GIFTS"

The people are saying nice things about our jewelry display. We expected they would. Couldn't see how they could. Very well do anything else. For to tell the truth, we ourselves are just a little bit proud of it. Now, what is YOUR opinion? That's the final test.

Whatever you may think, we KNOW this—that we thought and planned and worked with the idea of having our best yet Holiday display this year.

The result of our efforts awaits your inspection.

When you call be sure of this: What we have to show you people comprises the latest thought in Jewelry designing, with special reference to Christmas needs.

And be sure of THIS, too: Each article is priced to sell at the lowest figure that it can be sold for anybody by anybody.

Please read that last sentence again. Because plenty of people think that larger stores can undersell us. But that's a MISTAKE. Please remember and act accordingly.

As we said, the rush is on, but for many people there's lots of fun in mixing with the crowds, particularly with stocks as interesting as ours to look at.

Come expecting to be interested and benefitted.

The Holiday Spirit says: "Give Jewelry."

Get That Diamond

at this reliable store, where you may be sure that every dollar you spend is represented in actual value.

We are headquarters for diamonds as well as

La-Tausca String Pearls

The price is the only difference between them and the real—See our display—Qualities from \$1. to \$100.

Every piece of Jewelry we sell is guaranteed exactly as represented.

ANDREW PETERSON
WATCH MAKER AND JEWELER
GRAYLING, MICH.



In the Foreground

is where we seek to be. No wall-worship or dark alley objects for us. In the foreground, and foremost in estimation of best judges is FINEST STOCK JEWELRY IN TOWN now to be seen here. Don't take our word but come and see. Critical judges as well as experts all advise to buy of us. Do it.



THIS Christmas

is surely the time for Mother and the girls to give him the HOWARD Watch he wants so much.

All his life he has known the HOWARD Watch—its traditions, its record of service. And the higher up he goes in his chosen business or profession, the more HOWARDS he finds in the hands of his responsible associates.

Our assortment of HOWARDS is especially complete just now: \$40 to \$150—and the EDWARD HOWARD \$350. Price fixed by printed ticket.

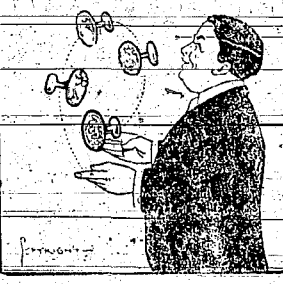
We shall be pleased to show them to you.



See our Q. C. Rings—you'll surely want one because of their great beauty and worth. Look as if they cost twice the price. With each ring you get a printed guarantee that insures you against lost stones (except diamonds).

SOLID GOLD

GUARANTEED RINGS are made for men, women and children. Over 2000 patterns. Look for Q. C. stamp inside each ring. Call and get free birthstone card.



Don't Juggle With Cheap Jewelry.

Which only means a waste of money. Come to our store and let us show you the splendid values we have in the real thing, and you will FIND MANY BARGAINS in gold, silver and precious stones. The clocks, watches, rings, pins, chains, bracelets, cuff links, toilet articles and sterling silver novelties, solid and plated tableware, etc., are ALL bargains.

Every

Hamilton Watch

is guaranteed in every part and particular.

Every one a masterpiece.

All that we have sold have made friends for us.



The original "Rogers" silver plate, first produced over 20 years ago. We carry a good line of various styles of this famous "Silver Plate that Shines" and invite your inspection.

1847 ROGERS BROS. TRIPLE X S

Slade's Meat Market

Stop, Look and Listen!

10 pounds or over front quarter beef, 10c.
This is to be spot cash. None of these orders will be delivered. You are not buying Farmer Dressed Beef, (which may be healthy and may be not) but government inspected is something that is right.

Hogs, whole, 11 cents
Hogs, half, 11 1-2 cents
Hinds of Beef, 10 to 11 cents
Fronts of Beef, 8 to 9 cents
Plates of Beef, 9c for 10 pounds or more.
Now is the time to order your Turkeys, Ducks, Geese and Chickens, as I have some of the finest that can be had.

All poultry is cleaned all the way through before delivering.
Give me a call, inspect the shop, see if it is sanitary. Then buy something, and see if it is right.

Yours very truly

Guy W. Slade.

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 22

Additional Local News

Mrs. Fred Hanson is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

A shipment of hand-painted china just received at C. J. Hathaway's.

Wm. Woodfield has been engaged to look after the chemical plant in the day time.

Tom Green, who has been at Mercy hospital as a result of being injured on the railroad, was able to leave for his home in Mancelona, Tuesday.

Joseph Scripp, who had been ailing for some time was brought here from Waters, to Mercy hospital, returned to his home last week much improved.

As we are going to move from the city we wish to dispose of some of our household goods. Call at the house at any time. Mrs. Geo. Langorvin.

Dec. 12, 22 adv.

The Hek kai-dek club was entertained by Miss Neva Bement at the home of Mrs. Chas. Robinson, last Monday evening. They sewed and

DO YOU REMEMBER

about 5 years ago that you could not get a toy in this town much less than 25c when we started in business, we have sold

5c and 10c TOYS

that made people wonder. Therefore we deserve your trade. We were the originators of 5c and 10c good in this town. Never was there shown a finer line of Toys in Grayling than we show this year. Come in.

BRENNER'S Cash Store

GRAYLING, MICH.

Read Hathaway's ad on first page.

Ed Sorenson, of Michelson visited his family here over Sunday.

Miss Margrethe Hanson entertained a company of friends at her home Saturday evening.

Frederic M. E. church held a social evening last Thursday, arranged by the ladies of the church.

Township taxes are now due and you are instructed to call at the bank where the tax roll is in the hands of the township treasurer, ready for collections.

Topics for next Sunday at the Methodist church: Morning, "Advent," evening, "Mileage of Scriptures." Graded bible school at 11:30, Epworth league at 6:30 p.m. The pastor is always at your command.

The S. G. C. girls were entertained at Miss Marie Eoremant's Tuesday evening. The fore part of the evening was spent in sewing, and then toasts were given and games played. At a late hour Miss Marie served a dainty lunch and then all departed for their homes to meet with Miss Frida Olson in another week.

A lumber pile belonging to the Hartwick lumber company, at Detroit, fell during a heavy wind storm, last Saturday, killing two pedestrians and severely injuring another. The heavy rains of the day previous had washed the ground from under one side of the pile and it happened to fall over just at a time when men were passing on their way to work.

Mrs. Olaf Michelson was hostess to the Ladies Union of the Presbyterian church last Friday afternoon. There was quite a large number of ladies present at the annual meeting and election of officers. Those elected were: Pres., Mrs. F. M. Mikk; vice president, Mrs. Olaf Michelson; Sec., Mrs. C. C. Cantelini; Treas., Mrs. A. M. Lewis. Following the business a delicious luncheon was served by Mrs. Michelson.

Few are familiar with the pretentiousness of the Michelson farm at Houghton lake. It contains about 40,000 acres, 500 of which are under cultivation at present and more being added each year. This section contains some of the best lands in the state. There was produced this year about 200 bushels of wheat, 300 bushels of corn, 3,000 bushels of oats, 150 tons of hay and quantities of other farm products. Besides this they raised about 200 head of live stock during the past year.

Mrs. Guy Miller, who has been working at the M. C. freight depot, has resigned his position and will work for Salling, Hanson Co.

While splitting wood, Wm. Brenner, night foreman at the round house, was struck by a flying piece, which cut a bad gash over his left eye.

Grab This—The S. of the N. E. of section 24-T. 26, N. of R. 4, West for two hundred and twenty-five dollars. Address—C. R. GRINSTEAD, 497 Beaubien St.

Nov. 28-4w Detroit, Mich.

George Olson is home from Detroit and is ill at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Olson. He expects to leave next Monday for Denver where he will join his sister and together they will start for Los Angeles, Calif.

The mills of the Michelson Lumber company at Michelson are closed for the winter. There is no way to obtain logs after the river freezes over at that place. Operations in the woods and the shipping of lumber will proceed as usual.

We wish to announce that the basketball game between the Grayling and Grayling H. S., will be Friday night, instead of Saturday night as stated in school notes. This is the last game of the season and everyone should attend it.

A gentleman by the name of Mr. Thompson is a newcomer in our midst. He hails from Des Moines, Ia. He is six feet and five inches tall, which is quite remarkable, especially as he is only twenty years old. He expects to find employment in Grayling.

Henry Bauman left Tuesday morning for the Feldhauser place down the AuSable river in the interest of Salling, Hanson Co. R. Feldhauser is manufacturing lumber for this firm and it is estimated that there will be about 250,000 feet to saw. It will be delivered at Buck's Siding on the Lewiston Branch.

Ben Kraus, son of A. Kraus, of this city, who runs a hardware store in Elkhorn, Wis., announces that his store was destroyed by fire last Monday. He had a large stock of goods and was doing a fine business and coming at this time of year will be a great loss in business to him. The stock was insured.

A M. C. R. R. engineer is here surveying a line to Portage lake for the proposed track to the contemplated military camp. This is done in order to make a complete report by the Military commission to the Governor, to be submitted for approval of the next legislature in making it a permanent location at Portage lake.

Frank Carr, age sixteen, while playing "shinney" last Friday, was struck in the forehead with a "shinney" club, cutting a large gash in it, by one of his fellow playmates and so badly injured that it was necessary to take him to Mercy hospital. It was thought at first that it was serious, but he was able to leave the hospital Tuesday morning. These games are not only dangerous to the players but to others as well, and Sheriff Benedict says that it must be discontinued or arrests will be made.

Lots of 5 and 10 cents toys at Holiday's Bazaar. 12 1/2 w

A nice Xmas present would be a W. W. Ring from Hathaway's.

The Catholic Young Ladies Sodality met with Miss Nellie Shanahan Sunday afternoon.

Miss Anna Beck, of Saginaw visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hanson over Sunday.

Mrs. James Peterson left Monday, Dec. 2, for Detroit, where she was joined by Miss Christine Christenson, and from there to New York, where they were joined by Mrs. Soren Anderson, who left here some time ago, and has been visiting in New York, and all left on an ocean steamer for Denmark. They were also accompanied by Miss Helene Strange, who came from Denmark last fall and remained here all last winter. She will be remembered here, as she was a domestic in the home of John K. Hanson. While in Denmark, Miss Strange wrote books, and while in this country had two of them published. She came to America to acquaint herself with the customs of the people and to take in some sights and paid her way by doing domestic work, and now she has come back to her native home to write books on America. Her books were highly spoken of in the Danish-American press.

Thoroughbred Cockerels for Sale.
Rhode Island Reds.
(that are red, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each;
Black Minorcas, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each;
White Leghorns, \$1.50 to \$3.00 each.
Eggs for hatching ready by March 15. Phone 1173 or address.

JAMES OVERTON, Grayling, Mich.

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Obituary.

Eliza Aldrich, second child of Sarah and John Aldrich, was born in Oxfordshire, England; June 29, 1848. She was one of a family of nine children. Three brothers and one sister survive. She came with her parents to Michigan in June, 1855, when 8 years of age, settling two miles north of this place.

She was united in marriage to Mr. George Brott, December 25, 1867, and to this union were born four sons, all of whom survive. Nearly all her life has been lived in and near this village until eight years ago last April they moved to Grayling, Michigan.

On Saturday, November 23d she took sick with that dreaded disease, pneumonia, and from the first she seemed to know that it was God's angel calling for her. The children were notified in time to reach the house and they received her dying benediction and final farewell. She closed her communication with this world, November 29, 1912. The remains were brought to this place on the 11:50 train and a service which was well attended was held from the Baptist church, where for nine years she had been a faithful member, conducted by Rev. F. R. Randall, assisted by Rev. H. A. Vaughan. The floral offerings bespoke the love and sympathy of many friends.

The interment was made in Windfall cemetery to sleep besides those who have preceded her to the better life.

Green be the turf above thee.
Our dear one of better days;
None knew thee but to love thee;
None named thee but to praise thee.
—TERONSHA NEWS.

Meat Prices: Pedler's Prices are cash prices, 10 pounds and over, no trimmings, no paper, so if you want to buy under these conditions, I will sell 10 pounds and over of shoulder beef for 10 cents per pound; ribs, ten pounds and over 9c; beef by quarter 9 and 11c; pork in 10 pound chunks 12 1/2; whole hogs 11c; one half hog 11 1/2. Remember you take these deals as a farmer takes them to you.

Dec 12-2w. F. H. MILLS.

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Jacob Katz, Trustee
Complainant.

vs.
E. J. Saltzman,
Defendant.

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What would Christmas be without CANDY?

For our Christmas trade we have on hand lots of that pure, sweet and wholesome kind. The kind that is best for the children and enjoyed by every member of the family.

Prices are lower and quality better than last year.

Brink's Grocery



Christmas Cakes

and cakes that make every day seem like Christmas are fresh every day at

Our Bakery

Why don't you try our wholesome bread and delicious pastry as well as our cakes?

A trial makes a chance customer a steady patron of our Bakery.

City Bakery

CANDY! CANDY! CANDY!

We are going to be headquarters for X-mas candies again this year, and with each 25c purchase of candy, we will give you a chance on a very useful article:

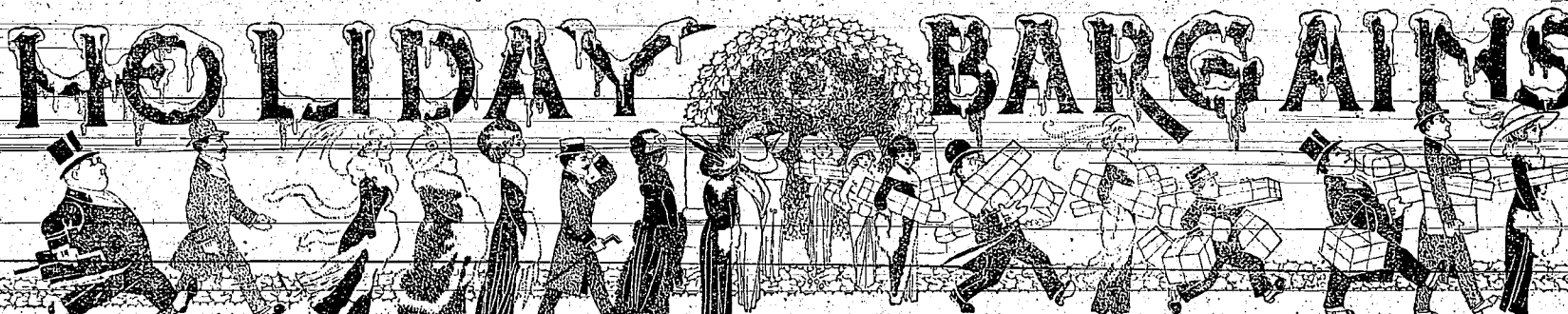
A \$10.00 VACUUM CLEANER

Ask the clerk about it.

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Send in Your Subscriptions. \$1.50



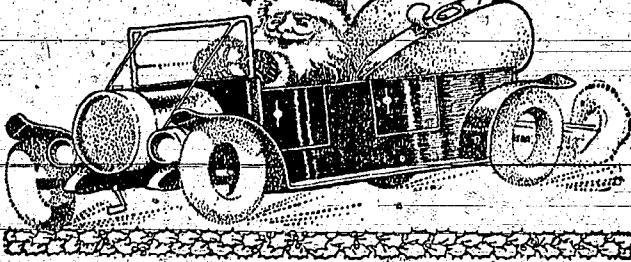
X-Mas Store House

Great X-Mas stocks crowd the walls of this store—useful reasonable articles, fresh from the leading makers of this country and Europe. Each assortment bears the unmistakable hall-mark of distinctive quality, &c., so desirable when selecting gifts. Save time, trouble and money, by coming direct to this X-Mas Store House for your holiday presents.

Holiday Handkerchiefs	Fancy Linens	Gloves	Hand Bags
for men, woman and children. There are no disappointments because of duplications if you give handkerchiefs—who ever had too many handkerchiefs? Prices 5c to \$2.00	Our reputation as the Linen Store adds to the appreciation of your gift if it is bought here. Lunch cloth, lunch sets, table sets, table cloths, napkins, towels and scarfs.	Best domestic and foreign makes for woman and children, for evening, dress, street, automobile, etc.	You will derive a lot of satisfaction in choosing gift hand bags from a stock so vastly variegated as this, which we so urgently invite you to inspect. We have bags in regular shopping styles with broken and crash bottom. Best grade of morocco, seal, India goat and finest grade of sheep, ranging in price from 50c to \$5.00.
Men's Neckwear	Coats	Infants Wear	Stylish Footwear
bought expressly for X-Mas, hence strictly up to date.	A limited lot of \$17.50, \$20.00 and \$22.50 coats offered this week for \$15.00. These are most unusual values.	The X-Mas Mecca for many mothers. Knit toques, sweaters, leggings, booties, mittens, veils, saques.	We will not only sell you shoes—we will fit your feet. See our line of fancy Indian moccasins, for men women and children, with fancy fur trimming.
Hosiery	Bags, Suit Cases	Back Combs, Barrettes	Our X-mas Stock
stylish, serviceable gifts in silk for men and women.	What is more practical and suitable for an X-Mas gift than a traveling bag or a suit-case. Practically everything in traveling luggage will be found here and we pride ourselves that our prices, quality considered, are the lowest in the city.	Gems from the most artistic makers—The showing includes gold engraved, set with finest quality of imported Rhine stones; also plain side combs and back-combs in amber, shell and gray.	is twice as large as last season, and our heavier buying has made possible still lower prices.
X-Mas Aprons			
An attractive specialty with us. Inexpensive but acceptable presents.			
Maids aprons, tea aprons, fancy bib aprons.			

A. KRAUS & SON.

MAKE WAY



Santa

Is going to load his auto at our store this year. Our line is the most complete ever, consisting of

FANCY PERFUMERY, BOOKS, FANCY BOX, PAPER, PHOTO ALBUMS, TOILET SETS, CHRISTMAS LETTERS, POST CARDS, CHRISTMAS CANDLES, HOLLY BOXES, CANDY, CIGARS IN CHRISTMAS PACKAGES, FANCY PIPES, CRAPE, AND TISSUE PAPER—

In fact it would take the entire Avalanche to mention our complete line. Our prices are the lowest yet. Call in and see for yourself.

A.M. Lewis & Co.

Druggists and Booksellers

Mr. and Mrs. James Overton were in Detroit Monday.

O. Palmer made a business trip to Frederic Saturday afternoon.

Miss Pearl LaLonde, of Lovells attended the dance at the Temple last Friday evening.

Have an Ideal Warm Air furnace installed by F. R. Decker and Son. They are perfect. Oct-3-1f

It is reported that the workman of the M. C. Round house will receive a raise in salary soon. This will effect about ten men.

Lost—Ring containing four rubies, somewhere down town last Saturday night. Reward offered. Phone or leave at this office.

Frank Neller assistant foreman at the round house, had his face badly burned and scarred from hot glue, while repairing some furniture at his home last week.

The tax roll for the township of Maple Forest is now in my hands and I will be at home at my farm every Monday to receive taxes.

Dec. 12 3w OSCAR E. SCHARRON

Second Hand Furniture. We have opened a second hand furniture business and will buy and sell second hand furniture. Let us know what you have to sell and look over our bargains when you want to buy. Store on South Side. Phone 62. P. E. JOHNSON. Oct-31-1f

The steam shovel gang and other workmen who have been at work putting in the new M. C. R. R. siding were pulled off Tuesday for the winter. About three miles of side track have been built and put in use. It is expected that more side track will be laid next spring.

The Pedro party given by the Rebecca and Oddfellows at their lodge rooms last Thursday evening was well attended. First prizes were won by Mrs. Carl Mork and Mr. Rockwell and consolation by Miss Anna Boesen and Andreas Nielson. A serveself lunch was prepared by the ladies to which all helped themselves. Everyone reports having a good time.

Little Lawrence Redmond, of Chesham, was brought here Tuesday night and taken to Mercy hospital Wednesday morning where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. He was accompanied by his father, Daniel Redmond and his sister Gladys who are now staying at Thos. Cassidy's, while he is at the hospital. The little boy is getting along nicely.

The subject of New Year's resolutions is looked upon by most of us as a joke. To see ones worldly goods go up in smoke is not very funny. Make this one resolution then this year. Insure yourself from the horrors of fire, which is apt to come anytime. We shall be glad to tell you how easy this resolution is kept.

Geo. L. Alexander & Son, Grayling's oldest and largest insurance agency. 12 5 w4

Mr. Samuel Cutcher, who has been ill for the last six weeks with typhoid fever, passed away at his home over A. Kraus & Son's dry goods store last Sunday morning. He moved here with his wife, from Johannesburg last spring and had worked in one of Sall's, Hanson Co.'s mills until he took ill. He leaves to mourn him, a wife, mother, four brothers, and a sister, also a number of friends. He was twenty-six years old. The funeral was held from the St. Mary's church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, and interment made in Elmwood cemetery. Rev. F. J. J. Riess officiated.

Last week Friday night was election of officers at the local Moose lodge. There was a good attendance, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past Dictator, H. Peterson; Dictator James Ovar; Vice Dictator, Earl Dawson; Pre-late, E. H. Milks; Secretary, John Keiley; Treasurer, Herluf Sorenson; Master at Arms, Alfred Ovar; Inner guard, Thos. Ingles; Outer guard, Morris Burrows. The newly elected officers will be installed Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 1, 1914. After the installation there will be the first annual ball and banquet at the opera house. A big time is being planned and they say that this is going to be one of the finest balls ever given in Grayling. Everything is going to be of a high order and no expense spared to make this a banner social event in Grayling. Committees have been appointed to look after every detail—from the executive committee to the floor committee—and excellent order and a delightful party is assured everybody who attend.

Additional local news on pages four and six.

Ladies' Taylor Made Clothes.

I have now the new line of samples for fall and winter on hand for ladies Taylor-made clothes, made by the New York Garment Co. Satisfaction Guaranteed. A. E. HENDRICKSON. 9-12-1f. Merchant Taylor

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They speak from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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SEASONABLE HINTS

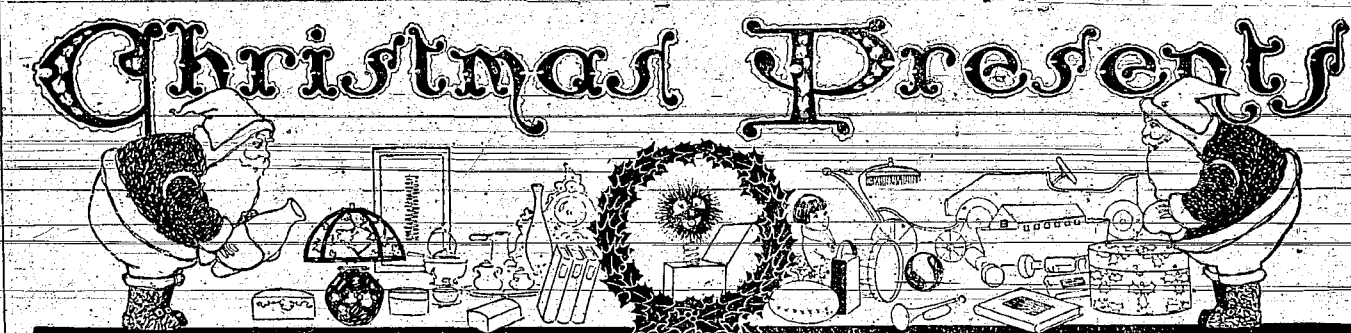


Our line of X-Mas Gifts is now most complete. Christmas Shoppers will find our store full of practical articles which will make an ideal gift for any one. A few "hints" that may be of use to you in making up your selections.

Ladies Department	Men's Department	Children's Department
Furs, Coats Waists, Shoes Slippers Linen of every kind Neckwear Gloves, Mitts Handkerchiefs Hosiery, etc.	Overcoats, Suits Hats, Caps Slippers, Gloves Mitts, Handkerchiefs Mufflers Neckwear Hosiery, Shirts Underwear Sweaters, etc.	Furs, Dresses Coats, Shoes Gloves and Mitts Hosiery, Underwear Ribbons, Sweaters Aviation Caps Bootsies Bonnets, etc.

It will Interest you to inspect our lines of Comforters, Blankets all heavy
WINTER GOODS

GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY



Holiday Goods!

Follow the Crowd, Something New!

Looking over our fine selection of X-Mas Goods is one of the happy moments of the shopper. The display is large and easy to select from.

A few Suggestions for the Busy Shopper:

Suitable Presents for Gentlemen	Suitable Presents for Ladies.	Suitable Presents for Children of all Ages
Smokers Sets Tobacco Jars Necktie Boxes Necktie Racks Clothing Brushes in sets Pipe Racks Cigar Jars Wine Sets Mustache Cups Shaving Mugs Shaving Sets Ink Wells Traveling Sets Collar and Cuff Boxes Pictures Paper Weights Books Desk sets Don't miss our display of large leather rock-ers.	Vases, Statuary Pictures, Water-sets Parlor Lamps Sugar and cream sets Cake Plates Bread and Butter Plates Steins Pitchers and Jugs Hair Receivers Mirrors, Pin Trays Photo Frames Rose Bowls Spoon Trays Handkerchief Boxes Writing sets Work boxes Shopping bags Sofa Pillows Tables, Rockers, and other furniture of all descriptions.	are plentiful and well displayed, dolls, drinking mugs, rubber balls, games, tea sets, stoves, books, toy tables, chairs, black boards, rocking horses, air rifles, sleighs, rubber animals.
<h3>Our Bargain Counter.</h3> <p>Never before have we had so many good values to close-out at cut prices. They are last years goods, some slightly damaged from being on the counter, others as good as ever, not damaged in the least, very suitable for presents, Prices cut regardless of cost.</p> <p>This is a partial list of the many items:</p> <p>2 dressed dolls, former price \$3.25, now 75c each 3 dressed dolls, former price \$1.40, now 25c each Toy Furniture, former price 50c, now 25c each Doll Carts, former price \$1.50 to 2.25, now 90c each Games, former price 15c, now 5c each 1 Toilet set, former price \$2.00, now 1.00 1 Collar and Cuff box, former price \$4.50, now 1.90 1 Comb and Brush Tray, former price 5.00, now 1.90</p>		

Large assortment of Plates and Dishes, at less than half price, and many other good things worth looking into.

Sorenson Brothers

AVALANCHE,
Grayling, Mich.

Please enter my order for subscription to the
Avalanche beginning with your next issue.

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Address _____

One Year, \$1.50; Six Months, \$.75; Three Months, \$.40

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Local and Neighborhood News.

House for rent—Inquire of Mrs. Celia Granger. Dec. 5 1f adv.

Mrs. Swan Peterson was in Saginaw on Thursday last.

Read the City Bakery's Free Vacuum cleaner at this week.

Miss Anna Lesperance is the new clerk at M. Brenner's cash store.

Come and see the Xmas display at Holiday's Bazaar. Dec. 12-2w.

Miss Augusta Kraus is assisting in the A. Kraus & Son's dry goods store.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Canfield have moved into John L. Clark's new house on Lake street.

No package is too big to carry the Christmas Seal and none too small to be without one.

Howard Wheeler returned from Detroit last week and expects to remain here this winter.

George Olson, of Detroit, who spent Thanksgiving with his parents returned last week.

Leave orders for cream for Xmas not later than Saturday, December 21 at Brink's grocery. 12-12-2w.

A rare opportunity to buy a very suitable present at a low price, read Sorenson's advertisement.

Glen Fenard left for his home in West Branch last week and will remain with his parents for a time.

Horse for sale cheap. Weight about 1000 pounds. Good for work or driving. Price \$50.00. JOHN STEPHAN. Nov. 7 w9

C. H. Foster, of Marion is a new stenographer at the trainmaster's office. He just graduated from the Peris school at Big Rapids.

The Michelson branch of the M. C. R. R., located four miles north of Frederic has been taken up and switch removed from main track.

John Larson has purchased the home of George Langevin and will occupy the same just as soon as it can be vacated. Mr. Langevin and family will move to Lansing.

The ten cent social which was given by the Mercy Hospital society at the home of Mrs. S. N. Insley last Thursday afternoon and evening was well attended and a nice sum of money added to the treasury of the society.

Christmas candles have arrived at Ota Sorenson and Sons and some of it is on display. It is put up in various novelties, forms, fancy boxes and in bulk. Prices range from 25c to \$15.00 per package or box. Dec. 5 w2

DeRue Bros. Ideal Minstrels will appear in our opera house tomorrow (Friday) evening. Prices 25, 35 and 50 cents. They carry 21 people and their own band and orchestra. Read their program on another page.

The Crawford Avalanche, price \$1.50 and the Michigan Farmer for one year for \$1.90, or the Avalanche with the weekly Inter-Ocean and Farmer and Farm and Home, with a fine collection of Xmas cards, tags, seals, etc. or \$1.90.

A number of people have in some way got the mistaken idea that Wingard's photo studio has moved. The gallery is over the Avalanche office just where it has been for years. On account of the growth of business the family was obliged to vacate the rooms so moved to the Everett house on Michigan avenue. The studio is in the same old place and still growing. Dec 12 2w. F. H. MIXES.

The Noble Six are giving a dancing party at the opera house this evening.

Advertise with reading notices in these columns. Rates ten cents per line.

Miss Elsie Erickson is assisting in Sorenson Bros. store during the holidays.

Mr. Peter Michelson is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Jeanette O'Hare who has been visiting in Detroit for some time has returned home.

Christmas tree trimmings. The time to buy is NOW, the place to buy is Holiday's Bazaar. Dec. 12 2w.

Comrades. There will be a meeting Saturday, Dec. 14th for election of officers for 1913. A. L. POND, Commander.

Visit our store. Everybody invited to visit our store and examine the liberal display of Xmas goods.

SORENSEN BROS.

A special train bearing Superintendent Coyle and other officials, passed through our city yesterday on a tour of inspection.

George Langevin, of Lansing, spent Sunday with his family here. They expect to move to Lansing soon, as they have sold their home.

Rev. Kiohedy returned from a trip to Cedar Rapids and Des Moines, Iowa and this evening will give a lecture on scenes of his travels at Danesbod hall.

A number attended the box social at the school house and the dance at the Temple theater given by the Juniors last Friday evening and all reported a good time.

The boys' basketball team will toss against the Gaylord High school team next Friday night at the Temple. All lovers of good, clean sport will certainly want to witness this game. Our boys are deserving of your patronage and encouragement. Come out and give them a lift. Admission 35 cents.

The big sack of Aristos flour which has been on display in H. Peterson's grocery window will be weighed next Thursday evening, Dec. 19 at the store. There is still time to register your guess with a twenty-five pound sack of flour. The person guessing the nearest correct weight will get this big sack.

There will be election of officers at the Masonic lodge Thursday evening, December 19. A good attendance is desired. There will be election of officers at Grayling Chapter, Tuesday night, December 17, and at the Eastern Star Chapter, Wednesday night, December 18th and at the Masonic lodge, Thursday evening, December 19. A good attendance is desired at all three meetings.

You who stole windows and lumber from Dr. Sanford's camp on the Au-Sable, at the lower end of Stillwater, on main stream below the mouth of the South branch, you have been tracked to your place. You thought it would snow thick enough, but you are left, so here is your chance to put back lumber and windows. If you don't you can look for the sheriff and prosecution. IRON J. STEPHAN, Grayling.

Meat Prices: Pettler's Prices are cash prices. 10 pounds and over, no trimmings, no paper, so if you want to buy under these conditions I will sell 10 pounds and over of shoulder beef for 10 cents per pound; ribs ten pounds and over 9c; beef by quarter and 11c; pork in 10 pound chunks 12c; whole hogs 11c; one-half hog 11c. Remember you take these deals as a farmer gives them to you. Grayling. Dec 12 2w. F. H. MIXES.





FATHER CHRISTMAS IN THE FLESH

CHRISTMAS TREE IN MYTH, TRADITION AND TODAY



A CHRISTMAS TREE MARKET

tailed. The limbs are bound down tight so as to save room in shipping. Then they are bound together in bunches of five, this being convenient for both shipment and sale. They go to market in open cars that they may be kept cool and not subject to damp. Otherwise their tips might wilt and their attractiveness thus be lessened. They are sold direct from the cars to retailers and these make a point of keeping them always in the open air.

Throughout the southern states the supply of Christmas trees comes from the southern pine that overruns the region. Ordinarily the markets are supplied by the wagons of the farmers, but in the bigger cities they come in carload and railroad lots. The fir is abundant in Colorado, but it grows in high, inaccessible places, and therefore the Douglas spruce, and the lodgepole pine largely take its place. This is largely true of all the Rocky Mountain states. In California and the other Pacific Coast states the incense cedar and the young coast redwoods are quite generally used as Christmas trees. The swains of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota furnish the markets of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Detroit.

When the time is ready for the indoor use of the tree it is dug up and pored down to a greenish piece of earth as a base. Then a piece of canvas or any other sort of stout cloth is bound about the base to prevent crumbling of the earth. The whole of this is then fitted into a box or tub and is ready to serve its purpose in the house. It is more solid and effective indoors than the ordinary tree and never wilts or droops. It is in reality a living tree.

When the festivities are over the tree is taken to the point where it is to be planted. A hole is dug for it in the ground. The tree is then placed in the hole and the ground is packed around it. The tree is then left to grow and the ground is packed around it. The tree is then left to grow and the ground is packed around it.



THE FIRST HOPE

Myths are the myths and legends that cluster around the Christmas tree. Its origin takes us far back into prehistoric times when our skinned savage ancestors were tree worshippers and believed that a god or goddess dwelt in the evergreen. Long prior to the Christian era, the fir tree was used in Rome in the December holiday festivities of the Saturnalia and its branches were decked with little yellow jeweled images of pagan divinities, especially of Bacchus.

In the Yuletide celebrations of the ancient Britons, the evergreen had a distinctive place with ivy, holly and mistletoe. The Druids believed that the evergreens sheltered the good spirits of the air who had to them the appearance of cold weather.

There is a Scandinavian myth that tells of the tree that sprang from the blood-soaked ground where two lovers met a violent death, and of mysterious lights that hovered about the tree at Christmas time. At the period of the winter solstice, the ancient Egyptians decorated their houses with palm leaves which symbolized immortality and the starry sky. At this period of the year the ancient Persians decorated the place tree with ornaments and jewels.

An old German tradition gives Saint Winifred the credit of transforming the tree worship of the savage Teutons to a Christian ceremony. It was about the year 680 that she and a party of her sisters, who were devoted to the worship of the goddess Freya, were on their way to the shrine of Saint Winifred, when they were overtaken by a storm. They sought refuge in a cave, and there they were discovered by a hermit. He was so struck by their beauty and devotion that he decided to convert them to Christianity. He told them that the tree they were worshipping was a symbol of the cross, and that they should worship the true God. They were so moved by his words that they accepted his faith. The hermit then told them that the tree was a symbol of the cross, and that they should worship the true God. They were so moved by his words that they accepted his faith.

As the venerable priest raised his stone hatchet on high and brought it down to kill the boy, who was ready, prepared for the stroke, Winifred appeared and ward off the blow with his staff. The people were gratified at his saving of their favorite and allowed him speech and he gave them the Christian creed. Then he and the Prince-Gregory took their axes and cut down the Thunder Oak. As it was ready to fall the lightning came and split it in many parts and it fell asunder. The waiting tribe then beheld in its place a slender fir tree, green and sparkling and odorous. Winifred made the tribesmen bear this tree to the hall of Grundard, the chieftain, to there assemble about it and make merry. About this first Christmas tree the wild men of the woods first heard the tale of the shepherd boy and the fields of Judah and it gripped their sturdy hearts. The tribes became Christian and ever after used the fir tree as a token of the day of Christ's birth.

The Christmas tree in its present style of

usage cannot be traced back farther than the sixteenth century. It then existed only in the Rhine valley, to which narrow limits it was restricted for more than 200 years. At the opening of the nineteenth century it spread to the rest of Germany, and fifty years later had reached Bohemia, Hungary, Paris and England. German immigrants had already brought the custom to our own country and here it has become so popular that the supply of trees in the city markets is never equal to the demand.

Linking the present with the dim past of unnumbered centuries, there will this Christmas be displayed in American homes 5,000,000 evergreen trees. There are about 20,000,000 families in the United States, and one in four of these will make the Christmas tree a part of the celebration that is to be held in their homes.

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New York, the metropolis of the nation, uses far more Christmas trees than any other city in the world. Yet the city is so admirably located from the standpoint of available forests that the supply is always abundant and prices low. A quarter of a million Christmas trees are each year brought to New York, and all of them are sold during the week before Christmas. They are all brought from the Adirondacks, where the supply is abundant and prices low. A quarter of a million Christmas trees are each year brought to New York, and all of them are sold during the week before Christmas. They are all brought from the Adirondacks, where the supply is abundant and prices low.

For a month past there have been hundreds of men preparing the Christmas tree harvest for the youngsters who dwell in the towns and cities. In the smaller communities, provided the region produces the right sort of trees, the farmer himself cuts them down and brings them to market. He sells these trees to market men, to grocers, to florists and decorators. They are brought from him by the wagonload and cost little. Then they are properly prepared and set upon the sidewalk. But preparation for the larger markets are different. In the hills around the greater cities making ready for Christmas is begun two months before the arrival of the day to be celebrated. In Maine, for instance, the men go out in gangs of four. They know their business, for they have gathered this self-same harvest for a generation. They have bought the trees as they stand in the field, paying the farmer five cents each for them. The butt of the tree is sawed off smoothly and painted over in order that the sap may be re-

turned to the point where it is to be planted. A hole is dug for it in the ground. The tree is then placed in the hole and the ground is packed around it. The tree is then left to grow and the ground is packed around it. The tree is then left to grow and the ground is packed around it.

There is also a manner of permanently marking trees without injuring them or interfering with their growth. A tag fastened to a piece of wire will remain attached to a tree for a century. This tag may be of metal and on it may be stamped the date and whatever legend is desired. The home of a growing family may thus be left with a permanent monument of all the Christmases that have passed over the heads of the children that have dwelt within it. When these return to the ancestral hearth in their old age they can recall the planting of the trees and the events that have marked the centuries. Incidentally, the landscape will have been beautified and added to the continental phase of its much valuable timber produced.

The Christmas tree industry of the United States has assumed great proportions and Uncle Sam is making plans to place the industry upon a permanently profitable basis through reforestation. Incidentally the new industry has furnished an opportunity for hundreds of boys and girls to earn their Christmas money in a new way by harvesting the cones of evergreen trees.

Of the nation's forest land, 60,000,000 acres are today covered with mature timber, while 40,000,000 acres are well seeded with young growth. This leaves 100,000,000 acres that are either nonproductive or only partly productive. It is for this 100,000,000 acres that seed are to be gathered; and it is upon this vast expanse that they are to be planted until the whole is developed into its greatest possible yielding capacity, making it one of the finest forests that the world has ever known.

The wind across the snow-laden hills
A restless spirit, roys
The murmur of the frozen rills
Still echoes in the groves
The stripped trees, bending to the earth
Their tale of sorrow tell
Hushed are the sounds of recent mirth
That peeped in every dell
Old winter breathes along the plain
His chilling breath of snow
The billows bounding o'er the main
An added fury know
The sky is lowering gray and cold
The earth is brown and bare
Yet on each barren waste and wold
The Yuletide bells ring clear

PROBLEM OF MOST PROFITABLE BREED OF SWINE IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE

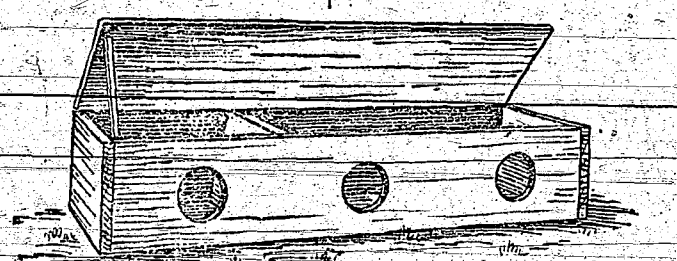
Many People Say, "Raise the Breed You Like Best, and You Will Be Successful," but That Is Not Always the Case—Experience of Maryland Hog Raiser May Help Others.

The question of which breed of hogs to raise in order to obtain the biggest profit has proven a very serious one with many farmers. Some people say, "raise the breed you like best, and you will be successful," but that is not always the case. The following experience of a Maryland man may help other swine breeders.

From an experience of over 30 years in hog raising during which time I have tried almost all of the popular breeds I have settled upon the Berkshire and their crosses as the most profitable hog for me. Thirty-one years ago I broke away from the razor-back, and invested in a pair of pure-bred Essex pigs but soon found that they were too small for profit. I then tried the Chester Whites, but found that in our climate I generally succeeded in raising a larger crop of cubs than I did of hogs and when I

my best grade Poland China sows, and today I have an ideal hog for profit. A pig that is always ready for the market from a month old, always fat, a rapid grower and one that has dressed for the past three years that I have been raising them, all the way from 150 to 230 pounds at from seven to eight months old, and which I think is the most profitable age to kill them.

I do not care to winter any pigs over so I sell all the fall litters and my spring pigs come about the first of April. All of my sows are first in pens and as soon as the pigs begin to run about I raise the doors high enough to let them in and out on the lot, where I teach them to eat a mixture of skim milk and mill-feed till they are six weeks old, when I shut them in the pens and turn-out the sows. They are kept in pens till they are butchered, their feed consisting



Box for Feeding Alfalfa Hay to Small Hogs. Such a Box Prevents Waste by Trampling.

did raise a hog from them it was all fat and had to be made into lard.

Next I tried Jersey Reds and I found them a very coarse hog and very hard to clean on account of the thick coat of wool they invariably had underneath the hair. So I discarded them to take up the Berkshire, and was so well pleased with them that I stuck to them until the popularity of the Poland-China became so great that I was induced to try them. I found them a fine hog, with very few defects, and once or twice I treated them to a dose of cholera specific, in which I have always been a great believer.

With this hog and this course of feeding I killed two lots last winter. The first at eight months old, made an average of 199 1/2 pounds and the last at five days less than seven months old, made an average of 178 1/2 pounds of beautiful pork, nicely streaked with lean and a perfect Berkshire ham. I still stick to this breed as the most profitable for me.

SUPERIOR POINTS ON DAIRY FEEDS

Relative Qualities of the Different Rations for Milk Cows.

Alfalfa meal, more convenient to handle than hay, much easier to adulterate, price usually excessive, rich in protein.

Beet pulp, soaked up, a good substitute for silage or roots but higher priced.

Brass (wheat), light, bulky, appetizing, high in mineral matter, high in crude fibre. Relatively expensive at present prices.

Buckwheat, low in protein—usually pays to sell it and buy back the middlings.

Buckwheat middlings, heavy, usually economical source of protein, tend to make soft, oily butter.

Bulky feed, bran, gluten feed, ajax flakes, distillers' grains, corn and cob meal.

Constipating, cottonseed meal, corn fodder and hay.

Corn, easily digested, usually cheapest source of energy. Pays to grind. Corn and cob meal, bulky, considerable crude fibre, nearly equal to corn meal in ration because of bulky nature. Grind fine.

Cottonseed meal, high in protein, heavy, difficult to handle, relatively cheap source of protein, ordinarily should not constitute more than one-third of the mixture.

Distiller's dried grains, rich in protein, very variable in composition, bulky, must be fed with other feeds.

Dried brewers' corn grains, light, bulky, high in protein, not readily batch alone.

Last Days of the Ranches.

The day of large ranches in Texas is passing away, but there are still four with an area of over one million acres each and quite a large number of over 500,000 acres. Much of this land is bought as low as 20 cents per acre, and is now worth \$4 to \$7 per acre. These ranches are being continually divided up into large farms. Last year over one million acres of ranch lands were sold to small settlers for general farming purposes.

Excellent Super Bait.

In the production of comb-honey there will always be on hand a large number of leftover, unfinished sections; and these make excellent baits in the supers for the late flow, and should be judiciously distributed through the supers that can now be put over the strong colonies.

Feeding Poultry.

At the high price of grain the man who has to buy all of his feed must be very closely and make the most of every pound of it in feeding his poultry; else he will come out at the little end of the horn in the spring.

Little Details Pay.

Do not forget that the careful observance of all the little details in poultry raising is the key to the big return. Every neglect in a cog removed from the perfect wheel of success in poultry raising.

Loss of Power

and various other ailments of the heart and circulation. These come from impure blood.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures a torpid liver—enriches the blood—stops the waste of strength and builds up healthy flesh to the proper body weight. As an appetizer, it stimulates the system and aids in the processes of digestion and nutrition, removes every clog from the natural action and leaves back health and strength.

Can anything else be "just as good" so fast?

Your Liver Is Clogged Up

That's Why You're Tired—Out of Sorts—Have No Appetite.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILL will put you right in a few days. They do their duty. Cure Constipation, Biliousness, Indigestion and Sick Headache. SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature.

Wm. Wood

The man who takes no interest in public schools, good roads, religion or politics isn't even a satisfactory husband.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Fletcher. In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria.

Real Things.

"Who was this great old Pan-you read about who worked on pipes?" "I guess he was a boss plumber."

Many Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powder for Children Break up Colic, Stomach Troubles, Feeding Disorders, move and regulate the bowels, and destroy Worms. They are so pleasant to take children like them. Used by mothers for 27 years. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, A. S. Clinch, LeRoy, N. Y., Adv.

Advice From an Acquaintance.

"Now, if I can get some acquaintance to endorse my note—"

"Better try some stranger."

Liquid blue is a weak solution. Avoid it. Buy Red Cross Blue, the blue that's all blue. Ask your grocer. Adv.

Exception.

"You can't put water colors in an oil painting."

"You can, sea blue, can't you?"

Wm. Wood's Blueing Syrup for Children. Retains color, softens the skin, reduces inflammation, relieves pain, cures wind colic, 25c. bottle.

FEEDING CATTLE FOR FIRST TIME

Profit Depends on Steady, Consistent Gains From Rations.

Those who are feeding cattle for the first time this season should remember that getting a bunch of steers on full feed is a matter that requires about a month's time. High-pressure feeding is an entirely different proposition from ordinary rations and the animal must gradually get accustomed to the change. If he is to continue to make consistent gains throughout the feeding period, most feeders prefer to start their cattle on grass, giving a few stalks of fodder corn a day to each steer and gradually increasing. The change is then made to snapped corn fed in the bunks, the final change then being made to husked corn or whatever form the grain is fed in. Every time the ration is changed such changes should be made gradually. This applies especially to the first few weeks in which the feeding is started and to the latter period of the feeding operation, when there is the more danger of getting the stock off feed. And remember, the profit in feeding cattle depends on steady, consistent gains, meaning good returns for the feed consumed, every time they get off feed meaning just so much lost time.

Making Smithfield Hams.

After the hogs have been killed and the meat thoroughly cooled the fresh surface is sprinkled with fine salt, peter until the meat is white, says the Farm Magazine. About three or four pounds of salt peter is used to 1,000 pounds of hams. Fine salt is then rubbed over the entire surface and the hams are packed in bulk not deeper than three feet. In ordinary weather they should remain thus for several days, at least three. Then break the bulk and re-salt with fine salt and again pack. Each ham should remain in bulk at least one day for each pound of weight. The hams are then hung up and gradually smoked for 30 or 40 days with hickory or red oak bark. When the smoking is complete they should be re-peppered and placed in canvas bags to guard against vermin. The Smithfield hams cured as indicated improve with age, and are considered about perfect.

Feeding Roughage.

Feed roughage to the stock before giving them grain, as it invigorates and excites the digestive apparatus to action.

Wealth of American Farmers.

The American farmer has \$40,000,000 invested in his business and produces an average of \$25,000,000 of new wealth every day.

World's Sugar.

The United States and its dependencies produce one-tenth of the world's sugar.

Alaskan Forests.

The forests of the Alaskan coast yield about 27,000,000 board feet of lumber a year.

Model Breakfast

—has charming flavor and wholesome nourishment—

Post Toasties

and Cream.

This delightful food, made of Indian Corn, is really fascinating.

Corn, says Dr. Hutchison, a noted English authority, is one of the ideal foods.

As made into Post Toasties, it is most attractive to the palate.

"The Memory Lingers"

Sold by grocers— Packages 10 and 15 cts.

Postum Cereal Co., Ltd. Battle Creek, Mich.

PECULIAR MARK OF REGRET

Tortoise, Appropriately Marked, Labeled at Death of the Emperor of Japan.

In connection with the funeral of the late emperor of Japan, a strange ceremony was performed. A Japanese correspondent writes: "Following the custom of carrying birds in large cages at Buddhist funerals, to be liberated over the grass, the Tokyo city

and the Tokyo branch of the Red Cross society joined together in the ceremony of freeing three large tortoises as a mark of regret at the death of Emperor Meiji. The shell of the largest specimen was three feet five inches long, and upon the shell were engraved the characters: 'We humbly beg leave to show our deepest regret at the death of our Meiji Tanno. Let live in the sea of Ogasawara Island'

On the day of the state funeral, September 19, 1912, Utsunomiya, governor of Tokyo.

On the back of another tortoise was signed the name of the president of the Tokyo branch of the Red Cross society. At first it was planned to inscribe the characters on the back of the tortoise in gold, but, fearing that they might be captured again for the sake of the gold, the characters were done in black lacquer. On the evening of September 13, just as the gun gave the signal for the starting of the im-

perial funeral, officials who had been waiting in a boat off Ogasawara Island gave the tortoises their freedom.

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